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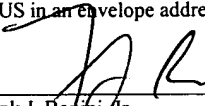
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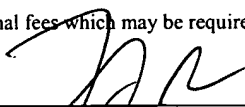
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is made to the claims to remove multiple dependencies.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 7 of this paper.